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Langford House,
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Dear Sir M. Visvesvaraya

Many thanks for sending me a copy of Sir Thomas Holland's letter on the Banares University.

I now enclose a copy of my note on a Mysore Official Representative in London which I have submitted to His Highness through the Dewan. I have given in that note my consent to take up the position if offered to me, on certain terms. I think I can be of greater service to His Highness during the next two years in that capacity than as Member of Council under the present conditions of work. About this, I shall explain things in person to His Highness.

The Railway administration improvement proposals have gone through the Council. Poor Mr. P. Raghavendra Rao wrote an apologetic explanation in the file for not having taken the initiative in the matter although he was in charge of the portfolio for more than two years.

The budget is causing great anxiety. The deficit will be heavy. The Prince of Wales' visit besides increase of salaries to low paid establishments will take away about 20 lakhs between them. I have tried my best to scrutinize the figures to effect reductions and have a presentable budget; but there is sure to be some alarm and criticism. The whole of next year's capital programme will be on

borrowed money. The Iron Scheme is piling up expenditure and not any part of the scheme is working in unison with the rest. I was hoping to go to the spot and examine things personally. The Tatas have Mysore by the neck, I am afraid. I have promised the Dewan a full note on the subject in which some clear policy has to be defined in view of serious difficulties that have presented themselves.

The financial situation would have been considerably better if Government had taken seriously my note of alarm sent by cable from London and if they had acted in September last. The correspondence with the Government of India has dragged on as a matter of routine all these six months while we are losing heavily. The postponement of subsidy was granted but too late to be availed of, and now the import of bullion has been sanctioned after considerable delay. I have had expert advice in the matter taken and in Council, it was decided to urge that permission should be given to import sovereigns themselves. You have seen the papers which the Dewan submitted to His Highness yesterday. The question is a very important one and every day makes a difference; but people do not seem to realize its urgency. Our Residency letter of the 10th is still lying in Bangalore. Mr.Barton is away and will deal with it on his return on the 20th. A copy of my letter to the Dewan regarding his proposal to send me and the Financial Secretary to Simla is enclosed for His Highness' information. When it is of no use to us as is likely, we shall have reason to regret, for, the difference involved is about 20 lakhs!

I hope His Highness is enjoying his stay in Cashmir and also is in the best of health and spirits. Please convey to him my best regards. If I have to go to Simla soon, perhaps we may meet somewhere in North India.

Hope you are keeping well,

With kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,

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